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All-star athletes

Hal High celebrated its 2024-25 student athletes with an awards ceremony June 12. Cheyenne Degeer won the female Athlete of the Year award, with Graham Backus scooping the men's prize. See page 11 for more. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

County ripe for agricultural expansion

By Mike Baker

Sadie Snell, a recently-graduated research student from Trent University, believes the Highlands is ripe for an agri-tourism boom, with figureheads from Harvest Haliburton saying the non-profit is working to bring key industry stakeholders together.

Authoring the 42-page report *Harvest Haliburton: Unveiling Haliburton's Bounty Through Agri-Tourism*, Snell identified ways County farmers and those with agricultural interests can improve their businesses, while also outlining existing roadblocks hindering the local economy.

The project was inspired by Apple Tree Identification Project (ATIP) Haliburton founder Luba Cargill, who last year suggested U-Links partner with a student researcher to investigate ways to bolster agri-tourism. Snell connected with U-Links last summer, taking on the project in September. She spent the first couple of months cultivating contacts, interviewing 14 people to come up with a list of priorities.

"Prominent findings include a community interest in organized farm tours and other coordinated events, a need for community-building and improved communication and collaboration between agri-tourism industry actors, and a need to address the obstacles faced by the agricultural sector in order to develop a strong foundation for agri-tourism," Snell said.

Participants said they'd like to see an agricultural-themed event that runs like Hike Haliburton or The Studio Tour, where multiple locations band together and the public is free to come-and-go.

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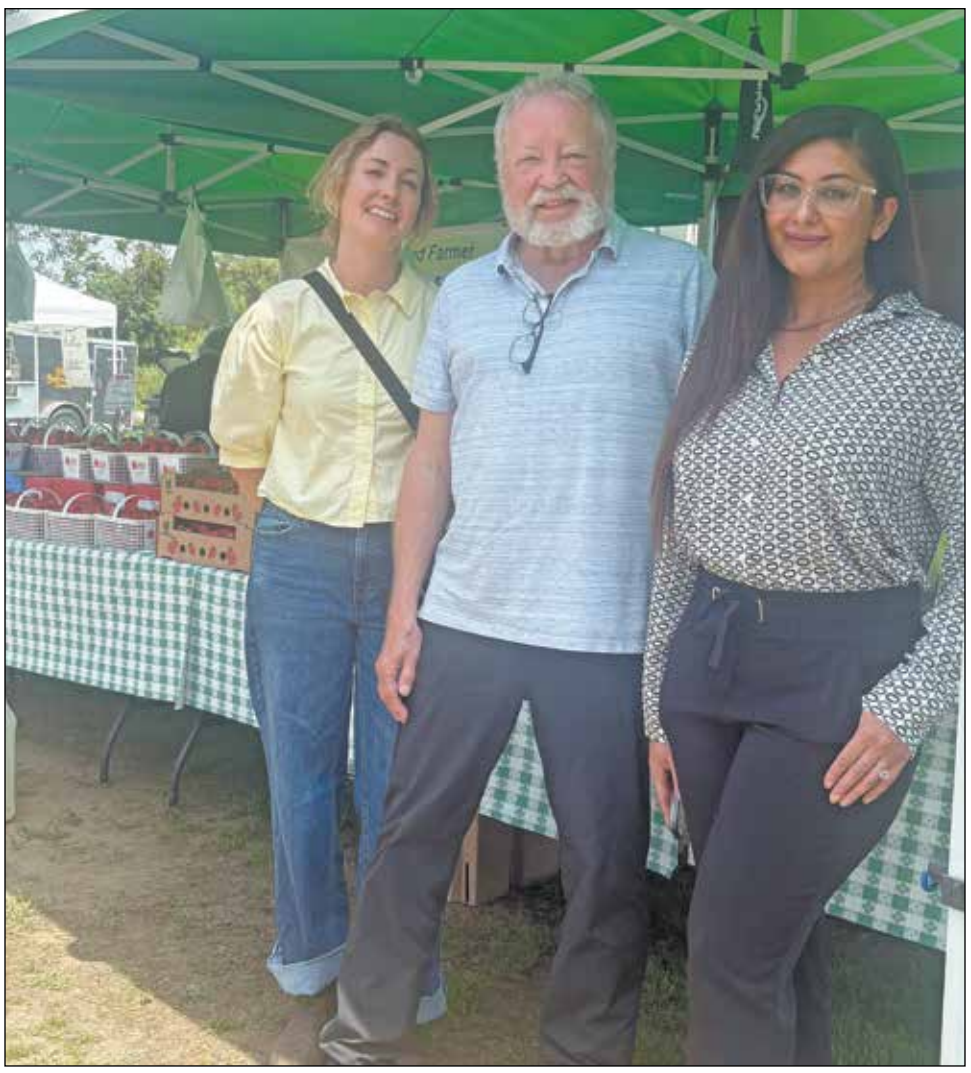

Left: Trent University's Sadie Snell published a report in early spring recommending ways to improve agri-tourism in Haliburton County. *Submitted.* Right: Harvest Haliburton's Lauren Phillips, Barrie Martin and Aisha Malik believe there's potential for expanded agri-tourism opportunities across the Highlands. *Photo by Heather Kennedy.*

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Need for overarching organization to bring producers together

"Something like that has the potential to connect several small producers and provides people a glimpse into different aspects of Haliburton's agriculture, geography, and history," Snell noted, saying the last time something like that was organized locally was by SIRCH Community Services in 2012.

There was an interest in staging more workshops with stakeholders eager to demonstrate skills such as cheese-making and sheep shearing, teaching people about plant biology and how to conduct soil analysis, and broaden the public's understanding of beekeeping, maple syrup production, and forestry.

In terms of problems to overcome, Snell said most of the people she spoke to felt isolated from others in the sector. Concerns were also raised about a perceived lack of municipal support for agricultural events and issues, and "tedious" provincial regulations.

Stepping up

Through it all, Snell said one thing was clear – there is a need for an overarching organization that can bring all producers together.

Enter Harvest Haliburton. The organization, founded in 2012, has been revived recently following a years-long pause initiated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Co-chair, Barrie Martin, told *The Highlander* that he could see the group stepping up to the plate.

Martin was one of the 14 people Snell interviewed for her report.

"I'm glad someone decided to look into this because it's not obvious there's an agri-tourism potential here. The type of things that can happen is maybe a little bit different than you'd find elsewhere in southern Ontario, which makes us unique," Martin said, noting the Highlands' topography being on the Canadian shield, and focus on maple syrup production and wild edibles.

He said Harvest Haliburton is investigating how to develop a local sustainable food system. Collaborating with entities like Abbey Gardens, the Haliburton County Farmers Market, and Haliburton County Farmers Association on programming is key, Martin added.

The non-profit is planning a food-themed forum in October. Martin said about 80 stakeholders attended one in 2019.

"We thought it'd be a good idea to bring organizations and operators together to hear where they're at, what problems or challenges they're facing," Martin said. "It's not going to be quite an action plan thing, that might be something we do later."

Martin liked Snell's report, saying it's helping to spark conversation among stakeholders.

"If it can get people to explore new ideas, that would be great. There's lots of energy in the community, it's just a matter of finding those people and supporting them as much as possible," he said.

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HKPR: beaches 'quite good'

By Mike Baker

Health unit officials will be keeping a close eye on Rotary Beach in Haliburton village this summer as annual beach water monitoring starts up across the Highlands, Kawartha Lakes and Northumberland County.

Kicking off June 16, the program will see inspectors from the local unit work with Public Health Ontario staff to monitor and test water quality at 54 public beaches – including 19 in Haliburton County. Samples are tested for bacteria such as E. coli, which can cause severe illness.

Bernie Mayer, manager of health protection with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit (HKPR), said Rotary Beach was one of the few problem areas found in the County during last year's testing.

"There was a problem at Rotary Beach – by the end of the season, we actually got some pretty high counts there," Mayer said, though results weren't concerning enough to trigger a warning or closure.

All beach locations are tested weekly and, based on results, are assigned one of three risk levels – low-risk (green), which is safe for swimming; moderate-risk (yellow), where swimming is not recommended; or high-risk (red), where it's closed off to the public. Results are posted online at hkpr.on.ca/BeachCheck.

Mayer said swimming in contaminated water can expose people to harmful bacteria and viruses that can cause gastrointestinal illness, skin rashes, eye or ear infections, and other health issues. Beaches can be contaminated by wildlife, stormwater runoff, or sewage leaks.

"Regular testing allows us to identify potential risks early and keep the public informed so they can enjoy the beach with confidence," he said.

At least five samples are collected from different points of each beach, with each one tested for the number of bacteria per 100 millilitres of water. This allows the health unit to consider any outliers before announcing an average result for that beach. Results are typically available within 24 hours and posted online immediately.

While E. coli can lead to issues with blue-green algae, a hot-button topic in Haliburton County, Mayer said the health unit does not test potential blooms. He recommended anyone who suspects a bloom may be forming on their lake to contact the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP).

There were no beach closures in Haliburton County last year, Mayer noted.

"Generally, the beaches up there are quite good. There are some beaches where, because we have a long-standing history of exceptional water quality, we only sample once per month – most of those are located in Haliburton County," he said.

Mayer encouraged anyone planning a beach outing to first check the health unit's digital map to make sure it's in good condition. A recent HKPR survey revealed 69 per cent of beachgoers did not check water quality results before swimming.

Rotary Beach in Haliburton village. *File.*

First measles case

The health unit wants to check in with people who visited four locations in Kawartha Lakes between May 28 and 31, following confirmation of a first positive measles case in the region.

Spokesperson Ashley Beaulac said, in a June 5 media release, the case involves a fully vaccinated adult who had close contact with someone from outside the region who has the virus.

Measles is spread through coughing and sneezing, with the virus able to live in the air for up to two hours. Symptoms such as high fever, cough, runny nose, drowsiness, red and watery eyes, and white spots inside the mouth and throat begin seven to 21 days after infection.

The health unit is warning anyone who visited Dunsford District Elementary School May 28 and 29 between 3 and 8 p.m., Lindsay Dollarama May 30 between 3 and 5:05 p.m., the Lindsay Square Mall May 31 from 1 to 4 p.m., and Hair Tones Salon in Lindsay May 31 from 1 to 3:45 p.m. that they may have been exposed.

Beaulac said that while people usually recover without treatment, the virus can be severe for those who are immunocompromised, including infants, pregnant women, and people with pre-existing medical conditions. Possible complications include middle ear infections, pneumonia, swelling of the brain, and death.

If you think you may have been exposed contact the health unit at 1-866-888-4577 ext. 4050 or email info@hkpr.on.ca. A measles bulletin board is available on the website at hkpr.on.ca

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Testing the waters program expanding

By Lisa Gervais

County councillors, at their May 28 meeting, got an update on how the 'Testing the Waters' program is going in the Highlands.

Andrew Gordon, director of U-Links, and Jim Prince, co-chair of U-Links and chair of Woodlands & Waterways EcoWatch made a presentation to the meeting.

U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research has been working on various projects in the County since 1999; bringing together Highlands' organizations with students and faculty from mainly Trent University and Fleming College – much of it environmental.

The two said water quality is one of the primary contributors to our enjoyment of fishing, boating and swimming, property values, and the economy, especially tourism. They noted Watersheds Canada picked Haliburton for its national conference in early May.

The biggest threats, they said, are general lake health, including drinking water and fish populations, septic systems, shoreline vegetation removal, invasive species, microplastics, and the impact from watercraft.

Gordon and Prince also talked about blue-green algae, noting "a significant increase in reported blue-green algae blooms in the last eight to 10 years."

The 'testing the waters' program, in 2024-25, has grown to 25 lake associations, across 39 lakes, and 61 sites. *Submitted.*

They entered into a fee for service agreement with the County a couple of seasons ago to provide an overview of the physical and chemical indicators for water quality. They started in 2022-23 with 10 lake associations, and in 2024-25 have grown to 25 lake associations, across 39 lakes, and 61 sites.

The two said while there are four other testing programs in the County (Lake Partner Program, MECP trout lake monitoring, MNRF broad scale monitoring and Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association with the LPP), Testing the Waters samples three times a year, including winter ice-on sampling, the only one to do that. They monitor clarity, total phosphorous, ammonia-nitrogen, nitrate+nitrate – Nitrogen, total Kjeldahl nitrogen, sulphate, pH, total alkalinity, conductivity, hardness, dissolved oxygen and temperature.

In producing their reports for lake associations, Gordon and Prince said the focus is on what waterfront property owners can do to sustain good water quality, such as managing septic systems properly, and keeping shorelines natural.

The two said the program works, providing an example of a septic problem on Little Kennisis Lake discovered when doing the testing. Dysart's septic inspection program, which found one third of systems damaged – then fixed or replaced - has improved phosphorous numbers. The two said it is only though building a sampling database that trends can be identified, and hopefully rectified.

"We're almost at a point where we can take a snapshot of the County and tell you 'this lake looks like a hotspot area right here, we've got some problems going on, this area over here is clear' and with that we'll be able to make some management recommendations as to what you might be able to do to improve the water quality in that particular area."

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New landfill cards are included with the final tax bill. These will take effect on July 1, 2025. It is imperative that property owners ensure they have these new cards when visiting the landfill.

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Mark your calendars! Celebrate Canada Day in Minden Hills with events occurring downtown, at the Cultural Centre, and at the SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena. The Super Dogs will be performing three shows at the arena while face painting and bouncy castles will be available at the Cultural Centre – and more! For a full list of events, visit the Minden Hills online events calendar.

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• In celebration of National Pollinator Week, join us for a special screening of *Four Wings and a Prayer* (2007) on Thursday, June 19 at 1:00 PM. Directed by Nick de Pencier, the film is a captivating documentary that follows the incredible migration of the Monarch butterfly.

• Join the UFO Craft Group on Friday, June 20 from 1 – 3 pm in the Welch Room. All are welcome to bring their unfinished projects to work on.

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PUBLIC NOTICED – REVISED REGULAR AGENDA

Take Notice that the June 26, 2025 Regular Council Agenda is revised to commence Closed Session of Council to follow Item 6 – Delegations. The Regular Council meeting will commence at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne St., Minden, ON. The Regular Council Meeting Open session will resume following the Closed Session.

Dated this 11th day of June 2025

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• July 31- Regular Council Meeting

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County OK with AH hobby farm

By Mike Baker

Haliburton County council has opted against appealing a recent Algonquin Highlands decision to rezone land near Halls Lake so the owner can establish a hobby farm and build a secondary residence.

The lower-tier council signed off on an application to redesignate Tim and Laura Kegel's six-acre property on Little Hawk Lake Road from Shoreline Residential Two (SR2) to Rural-Exception (RU) on May 29. The township's planner, Sean O'Callaghan, had recommended the file be turned down after learning it did not comply with the County's official plan.

County CAO Gary Dyke told council June 11 that he didn't believe this was a major concern.

"What I reviewed, it was a technical aspect where both [Algonquin Highlands' and the County's] official plans require access to a property directly from a public roadway. That's what's missing here," Dyke said, with the only access coming from the neighbouring Shalom on the Lake property, which is owned by Tim's sister.

The application has been opposed by the Halls & Hawk Lakes Property Owners Association (HHLPOA) and several of the Kegels' nearest neighbours. A petition calling for Algonquin Highlands to turn the proposal down was signed by 565 people.

In a letter submitted to County council ahead of last week's decision, HHLPOA president Shelley Fellows said her association's concern "is rooted in the significant risk [the amendment poses] to Halls Lake water quality."

The Kegels want to raise livestock on the property and have been approved for a total nutrient unit (NU) threshold of 1.5, which should allow for up to four pigs and some chickens. NU refers to the amount of nitrogen and phosphate nutrients generated by livestock and poultry. In Ontario, one unit is defined as the nutrient value equivalent to 43 kilograms of nitrogen or 55 kilograms of phosphate.

With the Kegel property located within 120 metres of Halls Lake, Fellows contends it should have remained SR2. By introducing farm animals that close to the water, the lake association is worried about possible contamination.

Liz Danielsen, the County's deputy warden and Algonquin Highlands' mayor, said no concerns were raised through the environmental impact study and nutrient management strategy the Kegels had done last year, while officials from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Agribusiness (OMAFRA) and Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) expressed no issues.

Haliburton County CAO Gary Dyke said Algonquin Highlands decision to allow a hobby farm near Halls Lake doesn't warrant an appeal. *File.*

"It almost seems… that [the opposition] wasn't down to the health of the lakes, it was down to the number of pigs," Danielsen said. "The property in question is surrounded by other rural parcels in similar proximity to the lake… and they could do exactly what the applicant wants to do without having to apply for it."

Fellows said many of those properties received RU designation "decades ago, well before the impact of our land-based activities on water quality were understood."

Coun. Lisa Schell pressed on the issue of access, asking what would happen if the current owners of Shalom decided to sell. Danielsen said there is a legal right-of-way connecting the Kegel property to Little Hawk Lake Road - common practice in situations involving shared driveways or access to landlocked properties.

Dyke said County council had to make a decision at last week's meeting, with a response required by June 21. He did not recommend appealing the decision.

"It would have to be a very egregious matter before it came to County council to ask them to appeal the decision of a duly elected lower-tier municipality," Dyke said. "I don't think it meets that standard in this case."

With the passing of Bill 23 in 2022, neighbouring property owners no longer have the right to appeal development decisions made by local councils to the Ontario Land Tribunal. Instead, that falls to certain advocacy groups such as conservation authorities.

With no such entity in Haliburton County, Fellows said HHLPOA has confirmed that, as an incorporated community group, it is entitled to appeal. Members discussed the situation at a June 18 meeting, though a decision was not available by press time. The association has until June 23 to file.

Gone but not forgotten

Ken Trinka, a member of the Reopen the Minden ER team, says local efforts to re-establish emergency services at the now rebranded Minden Health Hub site are continuing. A petition launched in May 2024 calling for Ontario premier Doug Ford to reopen the facility is still being circulated, garnering 5,931 signatures. Members gathered on the health hub's grounds June 8 to mark the second anniversary of the hospital's shuttering. *(Mike Baker).*

Right: Members of the Reopen the Minden ER team met on the grounds of the former Minden ER June 8, gathering around a magnolia tree planted in 2024 to mark the second anniversary of the hospital's closure. *Submitted.*

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June 21 & 22 Barnum Creek Bioblitz - Hosted at Barnum Creek Nature Reserve

June 21 Farmers Market and Artisan Market in Minden

June 21 Painting with Wolves - Workshop - Hosted at the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve

June 21 Tom Lambert - Live Entertainment - Hosted at Boshkung Smokehouse

June 21 Tim & Chad - Live Entertainment - Hosted at Sir Sam's Inn & Spa

June 22 Strawberry Social - Hosted at Camp Wanakita

June 22 Klinswin Gilbert - Live Entertainment - Hosted at Boshkung Social

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Top left: Kelly Bowie answers a Scotch Line customer's waste and recycling questions. Top right: Greg Norris goes through a customer's bin at the landfill. Bottom: Greg Norris, Lulu Viaes, Brett Dean, Kelly Bowie and Chelsea Cosh at the Scotch Line landfill June 16. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*

Scotch Line landfill is no dump

By Lisa Gervais

"Do we have treats for the dog?" Scotch Line landfill attendant Brett Dean asks his colleagues.

He comes to a table by the shed, picks up a basket of Milk Bones, crosses to a vehicle, and hands one to the driver to give to her dog.

Across the dusty road, the driver of a pick-up truck honks his horn and calls out, "have a good day, guys."

Dean, and fellow attendants on this Monday morning, Greg Norris, Lulu Viaes, and Kelly Bowie are all smiles.

It's waste and recycling workers week.

Viaes and Bowie are at the shed when *The Highlander* arrives, representing a growing number of women working at the landfill. It's not just the workforce that is changing. The staff have gone out of their way to decorate the place. At the moment, it's a summer theme, replete with a kiddie pool, floaties, toys, lawn chairs, and mannequins in snorkel masks.

"We had some women come in last week and they said to me 'oh my God, this place is so nice. I used to get anxiety and panic attacks coming to the dump," Viaes said with a grin.

She started working at the landfill after moving to Minden Hills a year ago. She comes from the investment industry.

"I semi-retired and came here to do something part-time, but I love the social aspect of it. I love meeting new people; I love talking to people; I love helping people. I love the job. It's such a free job. No management on top of you. You are out here all day long, 10-12 hours a day … it's just such an awesome place," Viaes said.

She concedes it gets hot in summer. While they have a shed, there is no hydro, so no electricity for an air conditioner or fans. But they have an awning for shade.

Bowie was a cottager for 34 years, moving permanently to Minden Hills two years ago to retire. Like Viaes, it's a seasonal gig. Both hope to continue part-time in winter when "it's kind of lonely up here, so it's nice to talk to people."

When it comes to the decorations, Viaes said, "we figured if we have to live in it, we might as well make it pretty because we're here for long days."

The public

Asked how they are treated by the public, Viaes said "for the most part, 95 per cent are great."

Bowie added customers know the routine, don't give staff a hard time about looking into their garbage, "but, of course, you get the odd one."

Both said a good day is sunny, not cloudy, rainy and muddy. They see eagles in winter, turkey vultures, bears in spring, and a falcon flies overhead.

Norris has been at the landfill three months. He enjoys the job and thinks working for municipal government is a good career move. He said some of the challenges are making sure people are recycling correctly, and some not receptive to feedback.

For him, a good day is when, "the sun is shining, everyone's happy, we're laughing between staff, getting along with my co-workers, having everything run smoothly, everything is going in the correct places, everything is well-managed."

It was Dean's first day on the job. He's semi-retired and was looking for 20 hours a week of work. "This was perfect. I live here and I come to the dump. What better way to serve your community?"

Cosh said they have about 13 team members.

"They are really passionate and take a lot of pride in their work. They're dedicated to their job and want to do a good job. We put a lot of focus on customer service and when we're hiring and recruiting team members, that's what we're looking at. So, a lot of these guys are incredible…

"They want to make a difference. The recognition they've all received from the community is incredible, with the differences, what the site looks like, and how they interact with members of the public. I receive compliments all the time."

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The Lochlin Community Centre has been closed since COVID. *File.*

MINDEN HILLS NEWS

Lochlin hall update

Minden Hills council, at its June 12 meeting, asked staff to issue requests for proposals for the demolition of the Lochlin Community Centre and construction of a new building.

The centre's advisory committee, which met June 10, asked for council's support for a new, prefabricated structure on slab, less than 1,800 sq. ft. in size, with an accessible gender-neutral bathroom.

Deputy mayor Lisa Schell is not on the committee but said she had spoken to members prior to last Thursday's council meeting.

"I think it's time we find out what it is going to cost or we don't … I've been here for years having this conversation, and since COVID, it's just gotten worse. I would like council to at least put out some kind of a tender for us to get an idea of what it is going to cost because we're just going around in circles here."

Schell added something like the Lions Hall on Bobcaygeon Road would be desirable.

Coun. Ivan Ingram agreed with Schell. He said he remembered when the Gelert Hall closed, and council saying it would do something, "but it never happened".

Coun. Bob Sisson asked about the demolition portion of the job and whether that was the first step.

Mayor Bob Carter said they could issue an RFP for demolition, and one for the new build, and it was possible a bidder would come forward to do both.

The centre has been shuttered since COVID, with the building deteriorating and requiring significant investment.

In a written report to council, CAO Cynthia Fletcher said a new centre could cost $900,000 plus taxes.

Improving Minden Hills

Carter, at Minden Hills' May 29 meeting, suggested a task force be formed to improve the township.

"Trying to look at getting people, businesses, to work together; are there ways to improve the downtown or other areas of the township to benefit the businesses?" he asked.

Carter said the township used to have an economic development staff person, but that role has shifted to the County of Haliburton.

"I am very interested in us trying to come up with a way to see if some sort of a group can come together, involving council, the County, local businesses, to see if there are some things we can do to make the town better, make the town look better, be a little more vibrant."

He said volunteers have put plants on the bridge, which is something the town has always down well.

However, he's looking "at getting people together to see if there is interest to work together to improve the township."

Coun. Tammy McKelvey said while a "great idea" she wondered what the first step would be. Fletcher said she would flesh it out and get back to council.

Coun. Shirley Johannessen added there are "a lot of people that want to get involved. This is great."

Unlike Haliburton, Minden does not have a business improvement association.

(Minden Hills news compiled by Lisa Gervais)

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Oh, Canada

By Mike Baker

I had a bit of a weird, sudden and emotional out-of-body experience last week after interviewing a local author about her recently-published novel.

Marie Gage completed her 'Promise' trilogy last month with the release of *A Touch of Promise*. The Second World War-era tale focuses on the life of Pearl Griffith, an English woman, who falls in love with a Canadian soldier while he's stationed in Europe. Once the war was over, Pearl left everyone she loved and everything she knew behind to start a new life in the Great White North.

Fairly standard so far – though, as Marie further unpacked the plot, grenades started going off in my mind. She told how Pearl had trouble adapting to life in Canada. She was used to small, tight spaces full of people – not wide-open nature for as far as your eyes can see. She had trouble connecting with people and making friends, missed her family back home, and, to top it off, was bumping heads with the one person you never want to bump heads with – your mother-in-law.

I silently screamed 'bingo'.

June 25 will mark 18 years since I left my home in Manchester for a new life in Canada. I was 16. I left behind my mom, brother and sister, cousins who might as well have been siblings, and the entirety of my social circle. Well, aside from my retired grandparents.

Within a week, I wanted to go home. That feeling festered for months – homesickness is a strange phenomenon. I had convinced myself that I'd left behind the perfect life.

I went back for a visit a few months later. While it was great seeing family and friends, I was shocked by some of the things I saw and experiences I had. I remember talking to my mom one night and commenting how things seem to have gone so downhill in such a short amount of time. She looked at me like I'd grown a second head.

Where I'd grown up hadn't changed. I did.

And so, as I interviewed Gage, I found I was asking the kind of questions about Pearl that I'd once asked of myself. What was the turning point? Does the feeling of loss and partial regret over leaving everything behind ever go away?

It did somewhat – for Pearl, and for me.

I had two turning points – my wedding in 2017, and the birth of my daughter in 2023. Because here's the thing, those feelings never really go away. You just learn to live with and embrace them. Rather than dwell on the past, or what could have been, appreciate the here and now, the opportunities in front of you. That's a major problem in society today and is a big reason we are where we are in terms of the ongoing drug crisis.

Before sitting down to write this, I did some quick math and found that I've now spent more time in Canada than I ever did in England. I act like a Canadian, speak like a Canadian ('yeah, no, yeah' and 'eh' are staples of my vocabulary), and, especially in winter, feel like a Canadian.

Fitting then with all of that, and Canada Day right around the corner, that I finally initiated the process to become a citizen. I still have some work to do and need to pay the fee – oh my god, the fee – but I'm aiming to submit everything within the next couple of weeks. The goal is to become a Canadian, officially, in time for July 1, 2026.

It's pretty funny that after a decade of being eligible, it was a fictional character that gave me the push I needed. Thanks, Pearl/Marie.

NATURE'S CALLING

June fishing traditions

By Toni Cooper

With June in full swing and the days stretching into golden evenings, there's one thing I look forward to more than anything else: fishing.

For me, this time of year means packing up the essentials and heading straight to our trailer in Haliburton Forest – a slice of paradise that feels like home the moment we pull in.

Camping is part of the adventure, of course, but the real magic begins when the boat pushes off from shore and the cool lake water ripples beneath us. June is prime time for lake trout, and every cast holds that familiar thrill – will this be the one? It's more than a sport. It's tradition, its therapy, and it's a deep-rooted love passed down through generations.

My earliest memories of fishing go back to childhood, squeezed into a small boat with my parents and my two sisters. My mom, always prepared, had her pockets full of snacks to keep us quiet (or at least semi-quiet), and we'd often sing to pass the time. Our signature tunes? *Down by the Bay* – sung loud and proud across the lake. I'm sure anyone else fishing nearby heard us, but that never stopped us.

Looking back, I think it was those songs and those snacks that made those trips unforgettable.

Now, years later, not much has changed – except maybe the size of the boat. My partner, Traviss, and I keep tradition alive, setting out early with rods in hand and hearts full. My mom and dad still fish too, and sometimes we're all out there on the lake together. It's these moments – shared in quiet laughter or whispered excitement over a bite on the line – that make fishing in June so special.

There is something about this tradition that keeps calling us back. Maybe it's the peace, the wildlife, or the way time slows down when you're out on the water. Maybe its just knowing that the lake will always be there – and so will the fish, and the memories we keep making year after year.

So, as the sun rises another perfect June morning, you'll find me out on the lake, casting lines and singing quietly to myself.

A few fun facts about lake trout: their flesh colour can vary wildly. Some may have pink or orange flesh like salmon, while others can have white flesh. This all depends on their diets. Also, lake trout can thrive in icy temperatures. They are one of the few fish that can. They love temperatures below 13 degrees.

This year, as I cast my line in the lake, I'll be fishing with only your memory, dad. I am eternally grateful for the invaluable lessons you imparted and the cherished moments we shared. With every lake trout I reel in this year, I'll feel truly blessed, remembering you and smiling as I do.

Get outdoors, take someone fishing, make memories.

Thank you, dad, I love you.

Correction: In the June 5 edition of The Highlander, in the story 'AH approved Halls Lake hobby farm' we incorrectly stated the file would need to go to Haliburton County council for final approval. While the County did discuss the issue at its June 11 meeting, that was to consider an appeal, which council opted against. We apologize for this error.

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Highlander opinion

LETTERS

Time needed to understand Strong Mayors Act

Dear editor,

Thank you for your coverage of Minden Hills council's reaction to the Strong Mayor Act, especially for clearly reflecting mayor Bob Carter's reasons for standing alone against council.

I, too, take issue with the Act, but mayor Carter didn't ask for strong mayor powers; it's a 'gift' from Doug Ford, and he can't give it back.

So, I appreciate that he is taking time to consider carefully, based on understanding the details, how he will use the added responsibility that has landed on his shoulders.

It's a much more reasonable reaction than coun. Tammy McKelvey stomping her feet and demanding like a toddler that she get immediate gratification of her wish to make it go away. Or, as she seemed to be trying to do in the meeting, have it conveyed to her.

I think the May 29 meeting is still on the MH YouTube channel if anyone wants to check it out.

Fay Martin
Minden

We'd love to hear your opinion. Send your letters to editor@thehighlander.ca.
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PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

Top: Kevin K. Pepper said they had a Loon chick born on Salerno Lake recently and it was pretty exiting. He sent this photo of the family. Bottom: Saved instead of shaved. Jim McKelvey thankfully avoided these precious babies while on the riding mower.

HUMANS OF HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS

Hey, I know your breakfast order!

By Susan Tromanhauser

At the age of 55, Michelle Delaire has lived a big life.

The Halls Lake resident has travelled the world; Egypt, Israel, Greece, Malaysia, Nepal and beyond. Inspired by a meeting with the Dalai Lama in 1996, she returned to Canada to raise awareness about Tibetan Independence. Adam Yauch of the Beastie Boys invited her to join their tour as part of the Tibetan Freedom Concert, which was followed with involvement in the International Tibetan Independence Movement, walking 22 miles per day. After purchasing a home in Toronto, Delaire finally put down roots, but still lived a big life, hanging with Keifer Sutherland during the Toronto International Film Festival and Bob Geldof after concerts.

But when the mayor of Toronto called bike-loving Delaire a communist pinko, she knew it was time to leave the city and follow her dream – opening her own business "up north." With years of experience in restaurants across Toronto, and often encouraged to open her own establishment, she wanted it on her terms.

Delaire searched for commercial space on a busy road, but also needed green space. She discovered the ideal property in Halls Lake, just north of Carnarvon on Hwy. 35. The view of the lake and the rock facings reminded her of the family cottage near Sudbury. Without knowing anyone in the area, she moved into the upstairs apartment and opened Sage, a venue for Delaire's menu of takeout food, baked goods, and an eclectic assortment of curios.

Delaire worked hard to make the business a success in spite of difficulties finding appropriate staff, endless road repairs and slow winters. After seven summers, she switched to catering and now works as a server at the Mill Pond, in the kitchen at the Pepper Mill, and as a representative for a food supply company travelling as far as Bancroft. Juggling this busy work schedule doesn't leave much time for a social life, but Delaire calls the restaurants her social life, enjoying interactions with customers and co-workers.

With no family or close friends living nearby, Delaire is an independent woman, able to solve problems by herself, such as how to move heavy things. She completed renovations on her own, updating her living accommodations to better survive harsh winters. Admitting her political stance is more left leaning than most people she meets in the Highlands, Delaire was pleasantly surprised with the positive feedback she received after decorating her property with a rainbow kite in support of Pride.

Delair loves the birds, trees, water and being able to spontaneously stop on her way home from work to skinny dip. She collects wild leeks on her property and makes her own pesto. Her favourite thing is going into town and running into someone, knowing their Mill Pond order, that they like blueberries on their pancakes. Delaire will continue to follow her heart and live in The Highlands, "until it is no longer fun for me."

Michelle Delaire. *Submitted.*

Highlander business

Adding to the story of historic building

By Lisa Gervais

More than a year after purchasing a property in Carnarvon, Haliburton Highlands Brewing is hosting its grand opening this Saturday, June 21.

Co-owner Michael Schiedel-Webb said renovations began in January and wrapped up in April for the front of house, with a merchandise area, seating, kitchen, bar and fully-accessible washrooms.

"It's cozy. Folks are liking it. We're liking the new home. We're going to see a lot of new traffic and folks who didn't realize we'd been here for 10 years," the proprietor said. Haliburton Highlands Brewing had been located at Abbey Gardens prior to its move.

The front of house indoor space is greatly expanded from the previous site.

Schiedel-Webb said they wanted to keep the space open. They have also maintained the original floorboards from the 1930s. "They've had repairs and patches over the years. But we've had so many people come in and say 'I remember coming in here and buying penny candy'."

In the fall, they are going to close down so the floors can be redone but Schiedel-Webb said they'll try to keep the burn marks from the previous fires as "it's part of the story of this building." Speaking to history, there is a pew from the former Zion United Church across the road.

The space is already being used for events, something the former location could only accommodate outside. Schiedel-Webb said they're hosting CanoeFM radio bingo dinner nights, a book club through the Haliburton County Public Library, a stitch n' sip, ukelele jam sessions, and rug hookers. For groups, they customize their menu.

They're now doing something called 'last mile meals" where cottagers can pre-order by Thursday and pick up Friday evening. Along with beer, they will have summer cocktails and mocktails, and offer a brewery brunch on days the nearby Mill Pond Restaurant is closed. They have barbecues and smokers, too, in addition to their kitchen.

Live music is back in the beer garden weekends in summer.

As for the grand opening, Schiedel-Webb said it's an opportunity to introduce people to what they are doing. They'll have a pig roast and live music from noon to 4 p.m.

Once they get through summer, the next step will be renovating the production side of the operation. It will get them back to large capacity production, from small capacity production.

"It's shaping up to be a good location. We're still learning about the location. We've always done everything very organically, so as things change and as things shift, we'll adjust to meet whatever needs are happening in the community. It's up to our customers how they want to use the space. It's not for us to dictate. Let's give you the space to do the things you want to do."

See more on their Facebook page.

Co-owner Michael Schiedel-Webb inside the renovated Haliburton Highlands Brewing. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Junior highlander

Left: Hailey Smith won the Red Hawks' female rising star award, presented by Janice Scheffee. Right: Vanek Logan took home the male rising star award. *Photos by Mike Baker.*

Hal High celebrates soaring Red Hawks

By Mike Baker

Lauded as a once-in-a-lifetime "generational talent" during Hal High's athletics awards banquet June 11, Tory Hill's Cheyenne Degeer closed the book on her Red Hawks career the only way she knows how – by winning.

The graduating student scooped the senior girls' Athlete of the Year award last week following her exploits in cross country, volleyball, badminton, and track & field.

"Cheyenne takes athleticism to the next level… I have not witnessed an ability quite like this in my 25 years-plus of coaching at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School," said teacher Jason Morissette.

While Degeer excels in hockey – she's earned a Div. 1 NCAA scholarship to play at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York this fall and is considered one of the top players in her age group – Morissette, her badminton coach, said she plays most sports at "an elite level."

As a novice long-distance runner, Degeer was instrumental in the Red Hawks' cross country team finishing second at Kawarthas and fourth at the COSSA regional championships last fall. She qualified for COSSA as a first-time mixed pairs badminton player, was a force on the senior girls' volleyball team, and led the school's female 4x100m relay team to the OFSAA provincial championships. Degeer also qualified for the 400m hurdles at OFSAA just weeks after learning how to run the event.

Morissette said Degeer was recognized not only for her running and work on the court, but for her positive presence in the locker room.

"It's the hard work, goal setting and drive to compete that truly sets her apart as an elite high-performance athlete. Cheyenne is humble, down to earth, and has been a leader in showing and teaching us how it's done… she's a team player in every aspect, despite her immense talent," he said.

Grade 11 student Graham Backus was named senior male Athlete of the Year after competing in volleyball, Nordic skiing, badminton, and track & field this year.

Mike Gaffney, HHSS volleyball coach, said Backus is a "true competitor" who knows what it takes to be a winner. He was a key part of the Red Hawks volleyball squad that claimed silver at COSSA, while representing Hal High at OFSAA for Nordic skiing, the boys' 4x100m relay, and both the 110m and 400m hurdles.

"Graham is not just a good athlete; he's an elite one. He trains like a pro, plays with some serious intensity and… is always pushing to get better," Gaffney said. "He's not just out there to play. He's out there to compete, to dominate, and to win."

Hailey Smith and Vanek Logan were named this year's Rising Red Hawks, handed out to male and female junior athletes who showed great promise in competing across multiple sports.

Coach recognized

Paul Klose was presented with Hal High's 2025 Impact Award after spending years developing the school's wrestling program and helping student athletes become the best versions of themselves.

Fellow wrestling coach Dan Fockler said of Klose, "behind every successful team, there's a ton of organization, some serious behind-the-scenes hustle, and timely humour to keep everyone sane.

"When Klose is in charge, magic happens. Every piece falls into place and athletes can just focus on the matches in front of them. He's one-of-one in my book," Fockler added.

Christianna Walker worked with Klose for four years before her graduation in 2010. She said she still uses some of the life lessons he taught her today.

"Paul has always been dedicated and passionate about supporting his athletes. I missed quite a bit of class for wrestling, but Paul was always there to help me catch up, review, or write a test early during his lunch break," Walker said. "He shapes character, builds confidence and instills values in his athletes."

Teacher and athletics coordinator Janice Scheffee said 157 Red Hawk athletes competed on 18 teams this year, including the return of girls' rugby and a first season for ultimate frisbee.

Collectively, the school captured four team-based Kawartha championships, participated in a dozen COSSA regional events, and made four OFSAA appearances – in cross-country running, Nordic skiing, wrestling, and track & field.

"Way to go Red Hawks – congratulations to all our athletes and coaches for making this year a huge success," Scheffee said.

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Highlander arts

Rails End exhibit about 'appreciating beauty'

By Mike Baker

You don't have to be an arts afficionado to appreciate Rails End Gallery's latest exhibit 'Arts and Labour', says curator Laurie Jones.

A display of unique metalworks from Douro-based artist Garrett Gilbart will debut June 20 and be in place through summer to Aug. 28. He specializes in breathing new life into weathered products, such as canoes, tools, and vehicles. He also has a penchant for lichen art – recreating colourful algae spores using metal.

Jones said she met Gilbart several years ago, when he participated in the gallery's annual Arts and Crafts Festival. Since then, he's grown his body of work – with installations in Peterborough, Elora, and The Woodlands, Texas.

"I have really enjoyed watching his craftsmanship develop. He is very good at what he does – he's always got something on the go," Jones said.

She visited his studio in Douro last summer – "it was like stepping into his brain," Jones said, with pieces in various stages of completion scattered around the room. The pair spent hours discussing their own artistic preferences and influences. They had long floated the idea of an exhibit in Haliburton.

Jones said the display, which kicks off with an opening reception Friday at 4 p.m., draws inspiration from the arts and crafts movement of the late 1800s. Famed textile designer William Morris was a particular focus.

"There will be eight pieces or so – they're really big and we want to be careful to showcase them properly. I've just finished painting one of the interior walls an arsenic green, which is a totally weird colour, but it works with what we're putting in," Jones said. "He's sourced some old William Morris wallpaper, we've got a couple of Morris' chairs in there."

She said the aim is to create a friendly, welcoming atmosphere that speaks to people from all backgrounds – whether they're interested in art or not.

"We want to do something that envelopes the visitor… it's always my hope that people leave the gallery feeling a little more inspired, changed even.

"I'm really interested in drawing in different people who might not typically visit a gallery. This exhibit is perfect for people who don't know anything about the artist, or anything about the artform. It's all about appreciating something beautiful," Jones noted.

The gallery is open Wednesday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Above: Garrett Gilbart installing a canoe sculpture at Rails End Gallery, where he has an exhibit running June 20 to Aug. 28. Right: Gilbart at the gallery. *Submitted.*

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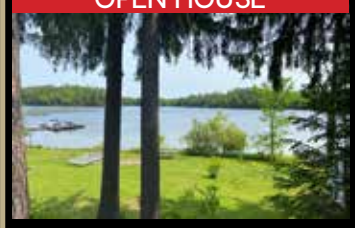

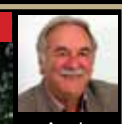

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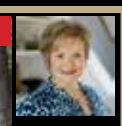

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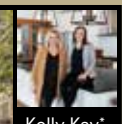

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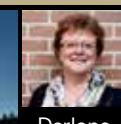

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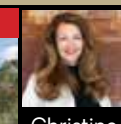

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LIVING WELL

Book a story of promise and perseverance

By Mike Baker

Reflecting on the recent release of the third novel in her Second World War-era 'Promise' series, County-based author Marie Gage said her latest book is more than 20 years in the making.

The self-published *A Touch of Promise* was released May 26. The 331-page novel reacquaints readers with Pearl Griffith, the protagonist from Gage's second feature, *Promise of the Bluebell Woods.*

"Pearl is a young British war bride who dares to leave her homeland, family, and everything familiar to start a new life in Canada, with her beloved soldier husband," Gage said.

In the second book, released in August 2022, Pearl met Rod, a Canadian soldier posted in the UK at the height of the Second World War. The story focuses on their blossoming relationship – by its end, the conflict in Europe had been resolved and Pearl decided to accompany Rod back to his home in London, Ontario.

The third novel finds Pearl in a difficult position – 10 months into her new life, things haven't panned out the way she thought they would.

"This story is all about the struggle of war brides when they arrived in Canada," Gage said. "Canadian women were not very happy because they felt these women had stolen Canadian men from them. And men were in short supply following the war. There was a lot of jealously, which made settling particularly difficult."

Pearl, now 22, must also navigate a strained, increasingly toxic relationship with her mother-in-law. Missing her family and old life back home, she searches for a reprieve, which Gage said arrives at just the right time.

She finds solace in an unlikely sisterhood – a diverse group of women who share their strength, humour, and understanding, building new bonds that deepen Pearl's sense of purpose while connecting her with much-needed new friends.

"It's basically a collection of war brides who feel like they have nowhere to turn, so, in the best of ways, they begin leaning on one another for support," Gage said. The book tackles some serious subjects, including the devastating effects of post-traumatic stress disorder, then known as battle fatigue.

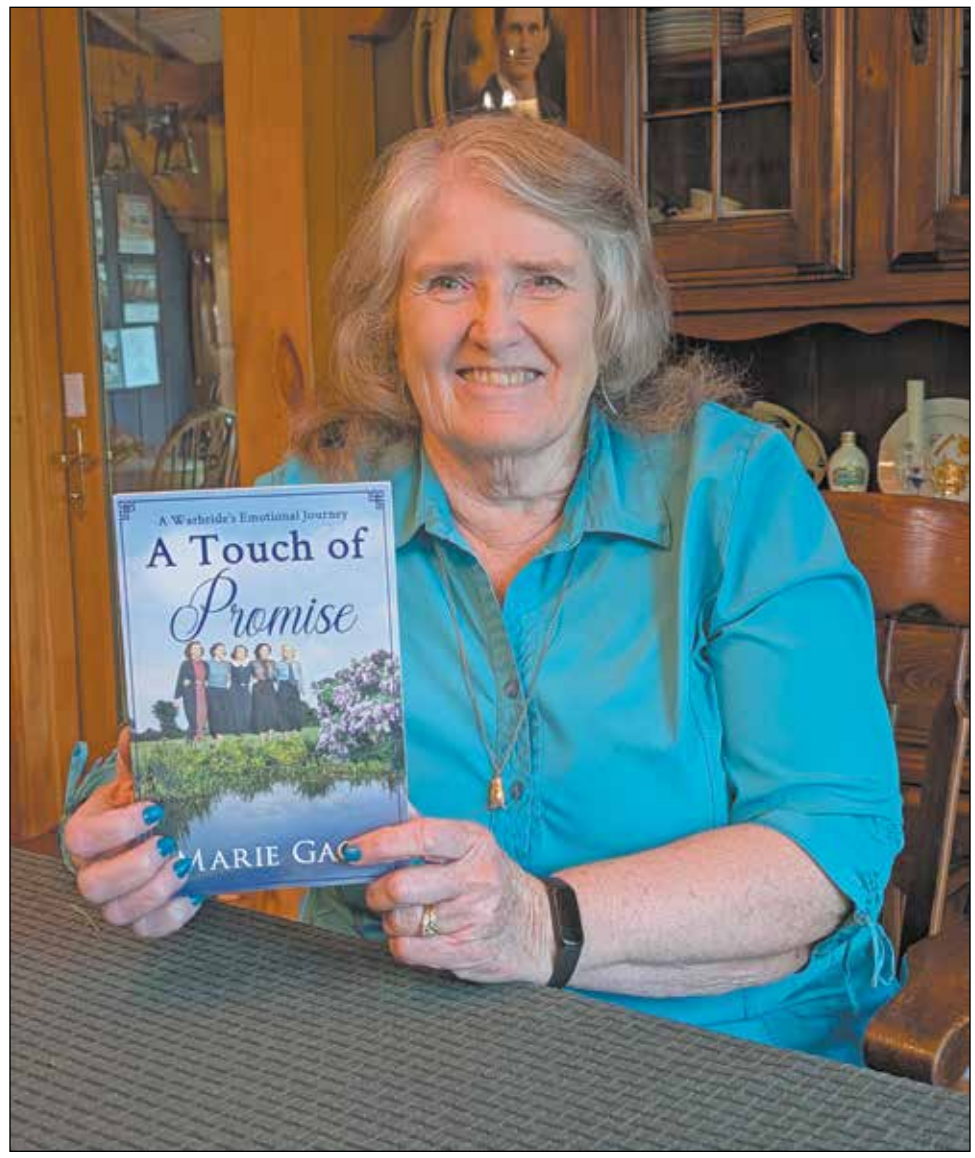
Through it all, despite the struggles, Pearl perseveres. "She really, really, really loves her husband," Gage said, noting there are several recurring characters from the first two novels.

Wrapping the trilogy, the author is unsure if she'll delve into her 'Promise' series again. She said it feels complete, like things have come full circle.

Her debut novel, *A Ring of Promises*, is loosely based on the story of Gage's grandparents' immigration to Canada, with the second drawing inspiration from her in-laws. Her latest continued in that vein.

"The inspiration for Pearl was my mother-in-law… she did have, in real life, a difficult time with her own mother-in-law, who lived with them. But it wasn't anywhere near the extent of what Pearl goes through in the book," Gage said.

A launch party has been scheduled June 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. at 15 Webb Circle in the Silver Beach community outside Haliburton village. Gage will read an excerpt and be signing books. *A Touch of Promise* is available at Master's Book Store and online through Amazon.



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What's on

Bioblitz to give 'snapshot' of Barnum Creek

By Mike Baker

Some of Ontario's top scientists and environmental minds will be in the area this coming weekend as the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) hosts a first-ever 'bioblitz' event at Barnum Creek Nature Reserve.

More than 40 experts with specialties in trees, insects, lichens, lake biology and more will explore the 600-acre site June 21 and 22. Adrian Martin, a volunteer with HHLT, said the group is aiming to identify the hundreds of unidentified species that call Barnum Creek home.

"A bioblitz is kind of like taking a snapshot in time – it's about trying to identify as many different creatures, critters and flora as we can," Martin said. "We have the number one fungus person in Ontario coming, the top bat and moth specialists… this is a big deal for the land trust."

The event will span a full day, beginning Saturday at 11 a.m. and wrapping Sunday at 1 p.m. Martin said volunteers will be working through the night studying nocturnal species like owls and bats, and early rising birds.

The public is welcome to lend a hand, Martin said – in fact, HHLT is banking on a strong turnout. Around 80 people participated in a 'bioblitz' of Dahl Forest in 2017, helping to identify 716 species.

There are currently 456 known species at Barnum Creek, though Martin said the majority of those are moths found by a group who did a more focused study a few years ago. He said the land trust is hoping to register another 700-plus species.

HHLT is inviting the public to assist in a 24-hour 'bioblitz' analysis at Barnum Creek Nature Reserve June 21-22. *Submitted.*

Identifying them has never been easier, Martin said. Volunteers will use iNaturalist, a smart phone application, for scanning.

"It's a bit like Pokemon GO – people come out, walk the trails, and anytime they see something a little different they can point their phone at it and the app will tell them exactly what they've found," he said, noting there will be three "fun" prizes that people can compete for.

There will also be six guided hikes over the weekend. On Saturday, from 12:30 to 2 p.m., there will be a 'water and wildlife heroes' family walk geared towards children; U-Links is hosting a hands-on 'discovering benthic macroinvertebrates' session from 3 to 4 p.m.; with Ed and Tamara Poropat leading a late-night 'nocturnal critters' search from 8 to 9:30 p.m.

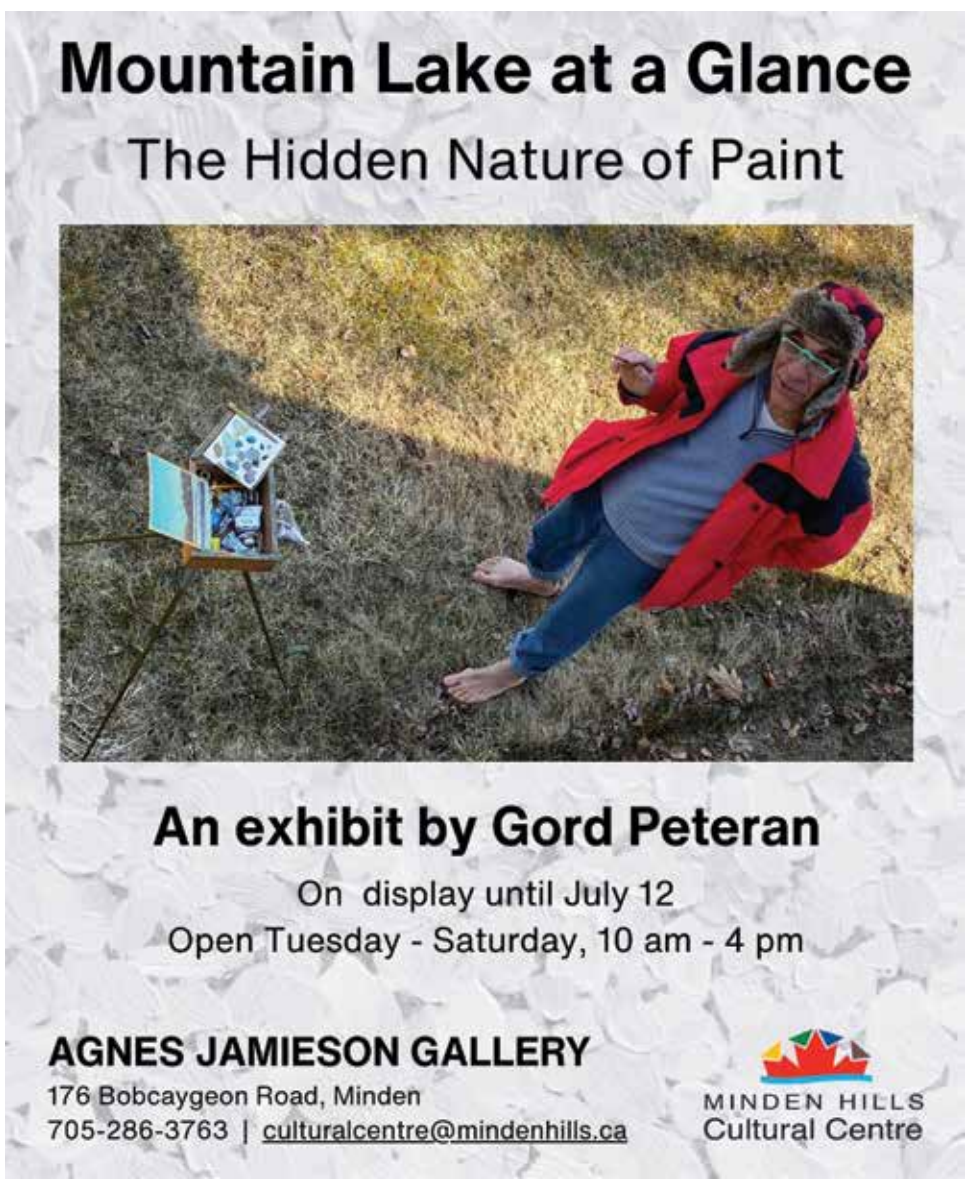
On Sunday, Thom Lambert is running a bird identification walk from 8 to 9:30 a.m., Belinda Gallagher hosts a wildflower walk from 10 to 11:30 a.m., and naturalist Jim Hopkins will teach people how to identify trees by their leaves, bark and other distinguishing features in an hour-long walk from noon to 1 p.m.

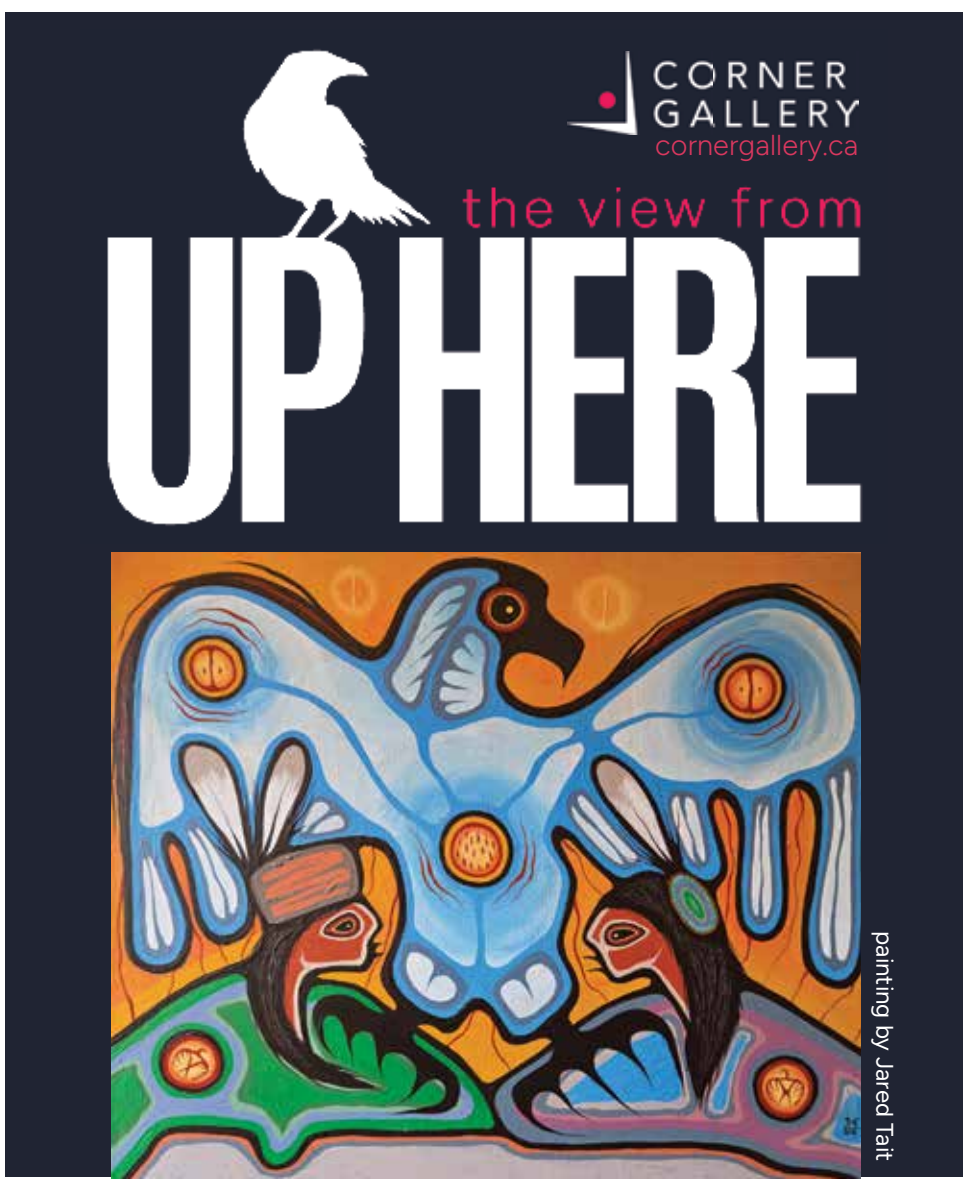
There is also a self-guided 'water storybook walk' located at Barnum Creek's trailhead, put together by the Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning (FEEL). Martin recommended people pre-register for the guided walks at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca.

The data collected during the bioblitz will help HHLT update its management plan for Barnum Creek.

"Understanding what species are present and how that may be changing is really important… by taking inventory of the biodiversity on our properties, it gives us a lot of insight into what exactly we're protecting.

"There's some real scientific value, but this is also about celebrating the amazing natural diversity we have in Haliburton County. People don't realize how many different species and wonderful things we have – we're hoping this bioblitz changes that," Martin said.





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JUNE 19 - JUNE 25 this week

Thursday June 19
Boshkung Brewing Live Music, 6 p.m.to 9 p.m.

Saturday June 21
Boshkung Brewing, Live Music, 3 p.m.-6 p.m.

Haliburton Brewing, Grand Opening Pig Roast 12 p.m.-6 p.m. featuring Vince Aguano 12-2 p.m. and Chris Smith 2-4 p.m.

Sunday June 22
Boshkung Brewing, Live Music 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Tuesday June 24
Haliburton Brewing Canoe FM Radio Bingo & dinner, 6 pm

Rotary Music in the Park, featuring The Rockin' Bobs 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday June 25
Boshkung Bewing, Wing Wednesday!

What's on

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 129 Haliburton

Mondays: Office open 9 a.m. to noon, clubroom closed.
Tuesdays: Games and cards night starting at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome. League darts starting at 7 p.m in the clubroom. Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30-9 p.m. between September and June.
Wednesdays: Bid euchre 1 p.m. start, Remembrance Hall. Bingo 5 p.m. doors open, 7 p.m. start time, Remembrance Hall. Snack bar available – French fries and hot dogs available while supplies last.
Thursdays: General meeting third Thursday of the month.
Fridays: meat draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets $2 per draw. Paul Sisson, MC. Friday fun darts 4:30 p.m. onwards. 50/50 draw at 5 p.m, tickets are $1 and available in the clubroom.
Saturdays: Open only for special events
Clubroom hours: Monday 3-9 p.m., Tues 5-9 p.m., Wed/Thurs 3-6 p.m., Fri 3-7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday closed.

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Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 624 Wilberforce

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Thursdays: open 2 to 10 p.m.
Fridays: open 2 to 11 p.m.
Saturdays: open 2 to 9 p.m.
Sundays: closed, special events only

Darts at 7 p.m. June 23 and 30. Cost is $5 per player. Afternoon sessions are June 25 starting at 2 p.m. Cost is $4 per player.

We have suspended our cornhole league.

Horseshoes June 25 at 7 p.m. Cost is $5 per player.

HHHS social recreation June 26 at 10 a.m.

Wings and jam session June 20 from 5 to 8 p.m. Cost is $15 per pound.

EVENTS

June 19, 1 p.m. The Minden Hills Cultural Centre and Haliburton County Public Library is hosting a screening of *Four Wings and a Prayer*. Directed by Nick de Pencier and based on the book by Sue Halpern, the documentary explores the mystery, beauty and survival of the Monarch butterfly. Taking place at 176 Bobcaygeon Rd. in Minden.

June 19, 4 to 6 p.m. Walkabout and instructor feature at Haliburton School of Art + Design. Explore instructors' works, learn about their techniques, and discover new perspectives as you tour studios and enjoy featured exhibitions. Live music to follow in the great hall. These shows are the perfect way to unwind and connect with like-minded people. All are welcome. Running every Thursday.

June 20, 4 to 7 p.m. Opening reception for Garrett Gilbart's 'Arts and Labour', a show that revisits the arts and crafts movement for a post-industrial society. The exhibition runs from June 21 to Aug. 28 at Rails End Gallery in Haliburton. Located at 23 York St. For more information, visit www.railsendgallery.com.

June 21, 11 a.m. Haliburton Highlands Land Trust presents the Barnum Creek Bioblitz 2025. Calling all aspiring citizen scientists to explore the 600-acre nature reserve and help discover new species that call it home. There will also be six free themed hikes throughout the weekend. This 24-hour event concludes June 22 at 1 p.m. For more information, visit haliburtonlandtrust.ca.

June 22, noon to 4 p.m. Join YWCA Camp Wanakita for its annual community open house and strawberry social. All are welcome to enjoy an afternoon of swimming, kayaking, and a host of other free activities. Taking place at 1883 Koshlong Lake Rd.

June 23, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The Haliburton County Folk Society invites you to its 2025-26 concert series reveal, being held at the Dominion Hotel in Minden. There will be a video preview, refreshments, live music and engaging conversation. Season passes will be available. For more information, visit www.haliburtonfolk.com.

June 24, 6:30 p.m. Rotary Music in the Park, featuring The Rockin' Bobs. At the Head Lake Park bandshell in Haliburton. Admission is by donation. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket. For more information, contact haliburtonrotary@gmail.com.

June 26, Pap-a-Plooza cervical cancer screening event at the Minden Health Hub. Anyone who is due for a screening and cannot access one is encouraged to book a one-time appointment by calling 705-286-2140 ext. 3902. Limited spots available. Screenings offered by Dr. Jennifer Mark.

June 26, 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. Have you ever heard the magical sound of wolves howling in unison? Every Thursday night in July and August, the Haliburton Forest Wolf Centre welcomes the public to gather in its seminar building for a short presentation about wolves followed by a walk outdoors where staff will attempt to engage with the wolves. There is no cost to attend. The program will begin at 8 p.m.

Have a non-profit event you want advertised? email mike@thehighlander.ca.

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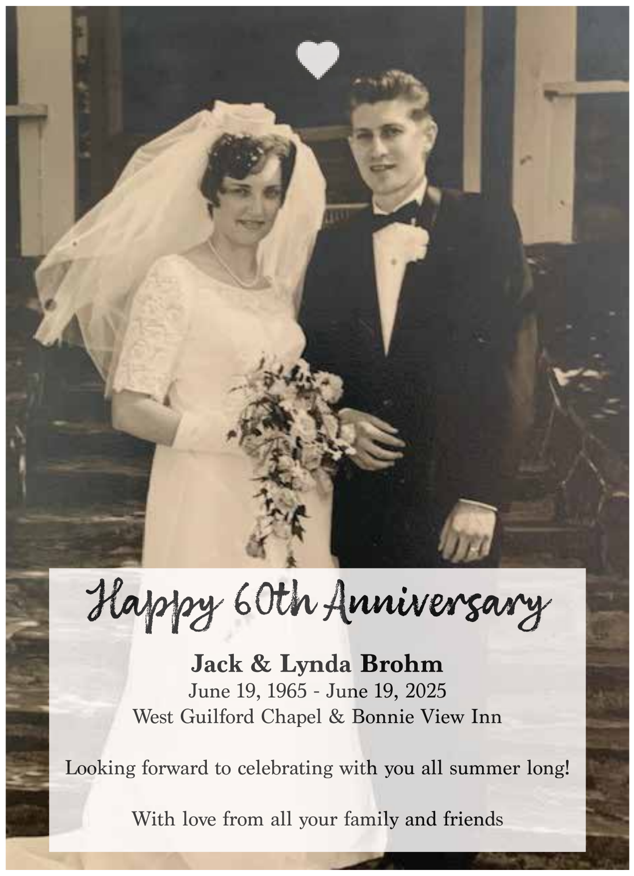

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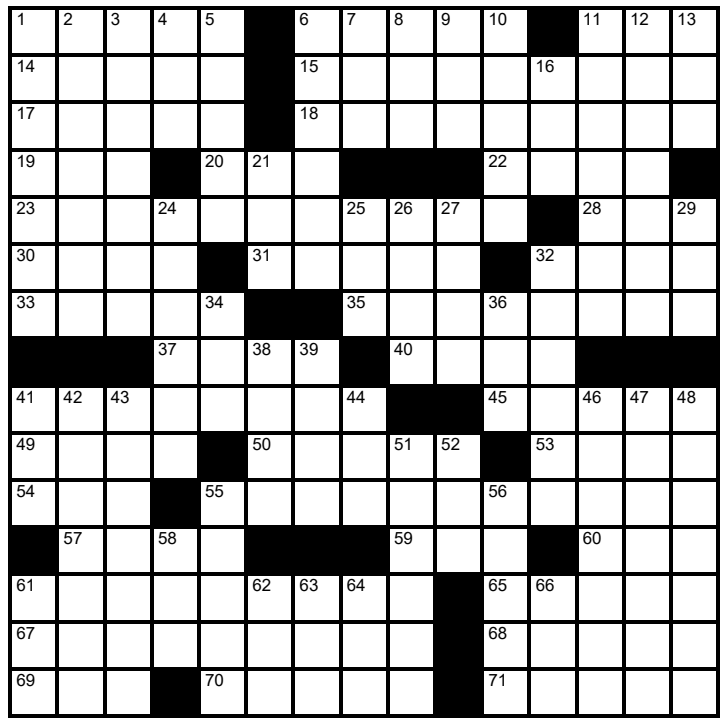

Across

1 Mamas' mates
6 Motown music
11 Busy worker in April: Abbr.
14 Need scraping, as a windshield
15 Deeply distressed
17 Overly sentimental
18 *Metaphor for tight abs
19 Ear-related prefix
20 Fee-foe link, in a fairy tale
22 Westminster water closets
23 *Bakery order topped with a bride and groom
28 Daycare dropoff
30 Pirate or Padre, briefly
31 "___ at the office" (excuse for not donating)
32 Cdn. worker's 9-digit IDs
33 Grape also called "shiraz"
35 *Nip before tucking?
37 Warner Bros. wabbit hunter
40 On a freighter or a frigate
41 *Tuxedo back flap
45 U.S. mail?
49 "Handy" guy
50 Moves, in realtor-speak
53 Charlie Chaplain prop
54 Muslim's conical hat
55 *Complete dolt
57 Wander willy-nilly
59 Timespan sometimes spelled with an "a" in front
60 Viola or violin: Abbr.
61 *Sommelier's cheapest offering, usually
65 "Star Wars" droid's surname
67 With regards to
68 Spanish "others"
69 Big timer in London?
70 Do a salchow or toe loop, e.g.
71 Word that can precede each part of the starred clues' answers

Down

1 Writes out of the will, maybe
2 With great sharpness
3 Morse reader
4 Puffin's relative
5 James Bond genre
6 Part of Rocky's breakfast
7 Navarro of "The View"
8 Org. with a yellow-framed magazine
9 "No ___!" ("Obviously!")
10 Reading material in hotel rooms, once
11 In utter disarray
12 ___ non grata (unwelcome one)
13 Toss in
16 ___ Canals, U.S./Can. waterway
21 Common pasta ending
24 Letting in a chill
25 Preserve in a jar, oddly
26 Shoe brand with a cushioned sole
27 Barrels under the bar
29 Vanilla amt., maybe
32 Collar-stiffening substance
34 "Gilligan's Island" dwelling
36 "Ain't ___ Genius" (Jimmy Buffett song)
38 Sew with wool
39 Prie-___ (kneeling bench)
41 Resident in 30% of households
42 Where a pope might hang, in a gag gift
43 Wrap for now, as court proceedings
44 Alternative to Inc. or Ltd.
46 Skilled conductors
47 Painting the town
48 Lover's gift, or a Canadian tea brand
51 Onetime brewer Carling ___
52 Lead-in to mo or pitch
55 Hangs on to
56 Help fund, as a college
58 Classical grp. that performs at the Orpheum
61 "Rocket Richard" was one, for short
62 Yan's pan
63 "This ___ travesty of justice!"
64 Ten Commandments word
66 Home to Addis Ababa: Abbr.

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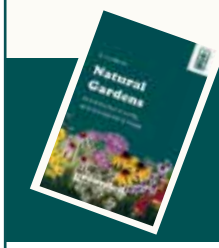

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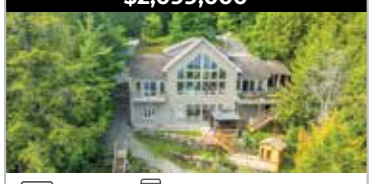

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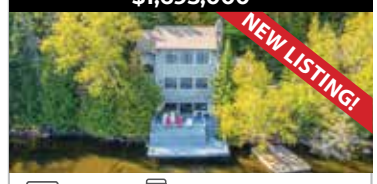

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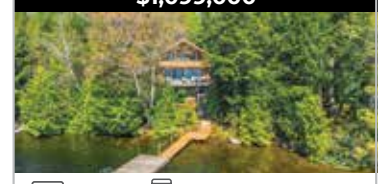

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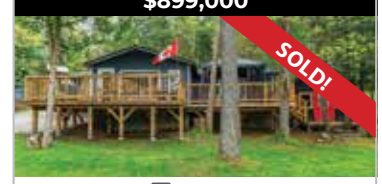

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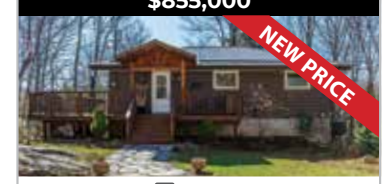

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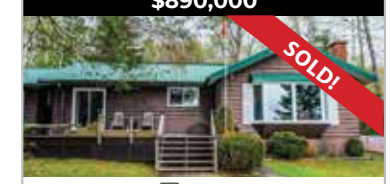

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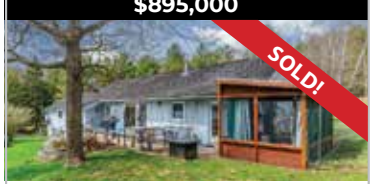

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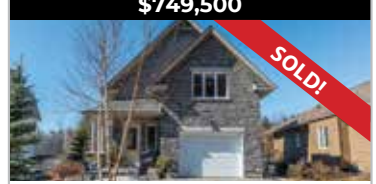

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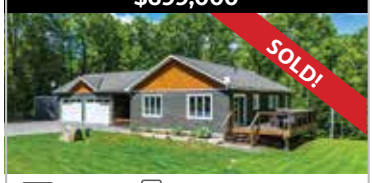

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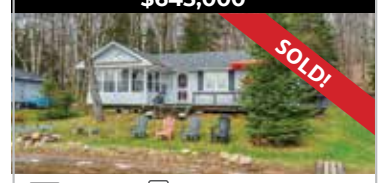

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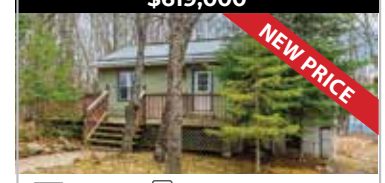

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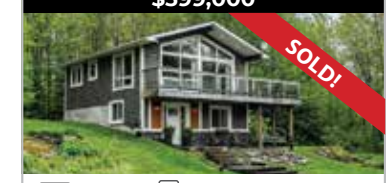

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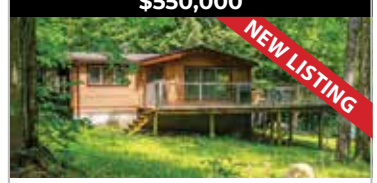

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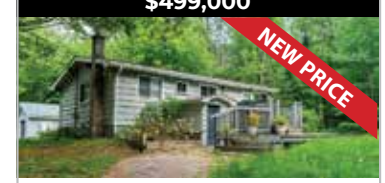

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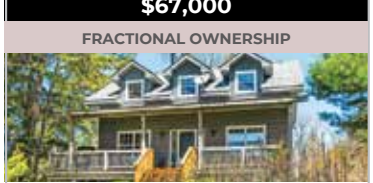
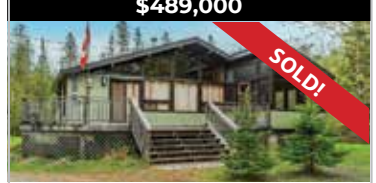


3X BED | 2X BATH | MLS # X11884689

12 MILE LAKE
$489,000



3X BED | 1X BATH | MLS # X12155241

REDSTONE LAKE
$2,585,000

3X BED | 5X BATH | MLS # X12170193

HEART LAKE
$699,900

3X BED | 1X BATH | MLS # X12179568

HALIBURTON
$568,000

2X BED | 1X BATH | MLS # X12175116

VACANT LAND FOR SALE

Grace River Road
MLS X12059917
MINER LAKE
$135,900
2.56 Acres

Haliburton Lake Road
MLS X10437518
$199,900
14.53 Acres

Glamorgan Road
MLS X12134997
Gooderham Lake
$249,000
6.82 Acres

Highlands East
NEW LISTING
MLS X12209117
$129,500
2.11 Acres

Basshaunt Lake Road MLS X10437016
$99,000
2.19 Acres
*Vendor Takeback Available

Wenona Lake Road
MLS X11953943
$95,000
0.42 Acres

Adeline Trail
MLS X12220289
$445,000
18.4 Acres

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